

# **SPECIAL MEETING NORTH SMITHFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**

**MAY 2, 2016**

**KENDALL-DEAN SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**7:00 P.M.**

The meeting began at 7:00 P.M. with the prayer and the pledge to the flag. Council members present were Ms. Alves, Mrs. Nadeau, Mr. Soly, Mr. Zwolenski and Mr. Boucher. Town Solicitor Iglioizzi was also in attendance. Town Administrator Hamilton did not attend.

## **PUBLIC HEARING NORTH SMITHFIELD TEACHERS ASSOCIATION CONTRACT**

It was noted that the Council members received the Budget Committee's fiscal impact analysis at least one week prior to this evening.

In summary, the three-year tax burden to the town associated with the proposed agreement is \$2,612,393 but year one is already funded in the current budget. The additional tax burden for years 2 and 3 of the contract is \$2,170,088 if there are no savings from the School Department to offset the increase in payroll costs.

This includes Town savings of \$294,452 due to increased employee healthcare premium contributions and co-shares.

**MOTION** by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted unanimously on an aye vote to close the public hearing on the

**Teachers Association contract.**

**MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, Mrs. Nadeau, Mr. Soly and Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the contract between the North Smithfield Teachers Association and the North Smithfield School Committee for the period of FY 15-16 through FY 17-18.**

**AWARD OF BID FOR ENTRY STAIR REPLACEMENTS AT THE FORESTDALE SCHOOLHOUSE**

**MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to award the bid to Ferri Construction Co. in the amount of \$20,200.00 for the demolition of and replacement of two sets of stairs. Funding for these purchases is available via the FY2016 appropriation by the Town Council at the November 2, 2015 meeting in the amount of \$24,016.00 to be purchased using Infrastructure Contingency line item number 1-001-4194-565-0003.**

**TOWN STREETLIGHTS - PRISM**

**Mr. Jeff Broadhead of Partnership for Rhode Island Street Management (PRISM) and Mr. George Woodbury of LightSmart Energy presented several options for cost savings on town streetlight usage.**

**MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski and Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the**

**purchase of assets from National Grid in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 and to also approve a maintenance contract with PRISM.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION by Mr. Soly, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to move this item up next on the agenda.**

**MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to enter into executive session at 8:24 P.M. pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(A)(3) Discussion regarding the matter of security including but not limited to the deployment of security personnel or devices.**

**MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to come out of executive session at 8:50 P.M. and to seal the minutes. No motions were made and no votes were taken.**

## **PARE CORPORATION REPORT RE: SCHOOL ZONE SIGNAGE**

**Mr. James Shevlin of Pare Corporation explained that his company has looked at the three main roadways surrounding the schools, i.e. Providence Pike, Greenville Road and Grange Road. They also looked at existing signage, records from the State Traffic Commission and they reviewed prior traffic studies.**

**Mr. Shevlin noted that there should be disposal of some signs,**

moving of some signs and a number of new signs. The approximate cost would be \$10,100.00.

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For the record Mr. Zwolenski identified the documents received and being discussed this evening as Project No. 16138.00.

Mr. Zwolenski suggested posting a sign for no right turn onto Grange Road between the hours of 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Opinions of the residents on that road would have to be sought.

There was a question as to whether the Town would pay or the DOT. It could take three to six months for the Department of Transportation to post the signs.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to ask the School Committee to pay for the signage out of their fund surplus in order to provide safe signage.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 1 on a roll call vote (Mr. Soly voted no) to have Mr. Shevlin submit the plans to the DOT for approval.

ZONING      ORDINANCE      AMENDMENT      RE:      SEC.      5.7  
GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS

**MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to continue this to May 16, 2016.**

**ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT RE: SEC. 6.13 PARKING AND STORAGE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES**

**MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to continue this to May 16, 2016.**

**ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT RE: SEC. 6.14 PARKING, STORAGE OR USE OF MAJOR RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT**

**MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to continue this to May 16, 2016.**

**RESOLUTION RE: CITY OF WOONSOCKET'S PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE**

**MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to move this item up next on the agenda.**

**Mr. Boucher stated that people have contacted him and are questioning why the City would pay \$100,000 for land assessed at \$13,200. This is governed by the Public Utilities Commission and he feels this will affect the ratepayers of both Woonsocket and North Smithfield.**

**MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted**

unanimously on a roll call vote to adopt the following resolution:

**“WHEREAS, on April 4, 2016, the City Council for the City of Woonsocket passed Ordinance 16 O 34 entitled “ACCEPTING QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS CITY OF WOONSOCKET TAX ASSESSOR’S PLAT 58, LOT 5” (copy attached). WHEREAS, pursuant to said Ordinance 16 o 34, the Mayor of Woonsocket and/or her designee was authorized to purchase said property for One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) on behalf of the Woonsocket Water Supply System. WHEREAS, pursuant to the City of Woonsocket Tax Assessor, the assessed value of said property is \$13,200.00 (copy attached). WHEREAS, it has been reported that the Seller of said property intends to donate the sale proceeds back to the City of Woonsocket for charitable purposes. WHEREAS, it has been reported that charges paid by the ratepayers of the Woonsocket Water Supply System will be the source of funding for the purchase of said property. WHEREAS, some residents of the Town of North Smithfield are also ratepayers of the Woonsocket Water Supply System. WHEREAS, the Woonsocket Water Supply System is a public utility that distributes water to the consuming public within the state as defined under RIGL 39-1-2(20). WHEREAS, pursuant to RIGL 39-1-1, the Public Utilities Commission and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers are vested with the exclusive power and authority to supervise, regulate, and make orders governing the conduct of water supplies and protecting the public against improper and unreasonable rates, tolls and charges. NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES: That the**

**Public Utilities Commission and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers conduct an investigation and hold hearings regarding the sufficiency and reasonableness of the City of Woonsocket's proposed purchase of real estate designated as**

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**Woonsocket Tax Assessors Plat 58, Lot 5 for One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)."**

#### **PUBLIC BUILDINGS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to have the Town Solicitor review the contract with Pare Corporation.**

**(Mrs. Nadeau left at 9:46 P.M. due to a business commitment)**

#### **GOLD FOREST ACQUISITION**

**Town Planner Robert Ericson reviewed what had transpired at the last few meetings. He recommends placing more emphasis on recreational grants this year and the acquisition of the Gold property should be placed on the back burner.**

**MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote at 9:58 P.M. to extend the meeting to 10:15 P.M.**

**Conservation Commission Chairman Paul Soares said the**

**commission would favor the purchase of the Gold property but strictly for passive recreation.**

#### **RIPDES MS4 STORMWATER PROGRAM**

**MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Soly and Mr. Zwolenski, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to continue this to May 16th as the contract is still in negotiations.**

#### **2ND READING REVOTE ON ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SEC. 2-222 TOWN VEHICLES**

**This ordinance was up for a revote as it had not been advertised after the initial second reading.**

**MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve the ordinance amendment Sec. 2-222 entitled "Town Vehicles".**

#### **4TH QUARTER BUDGET AUTHORIZATIONS**

**MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to transfer \$1,125.00 from the Grant Writer line item to the Audio Visual line item.**

**MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher and Mr. Soly, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to create a line item for Gas/Fuel for the Tax Assessor's office and to appropriate \$150.00.**



**MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to transfer \$8,405.00 from the Professional Services line item to the Payroll Service Charges.**

**MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted 4 to 0 on an aye vote at 10:19 P.M. to extend the meeting to 10:25 P.M.**

**MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to create a line item for Memorial Town Hall Building Repairs and to appropriate \$1,600.00 from the line item Office Supplies.**

**MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 3 to 1 on a roll call vote (Mr. Zwolenski voted no) to transfer \$1,600.00 from the line item Planning Equipment to the line item Water & Sewer - All Plants. This is based on a rate increase from the City of Woonsocket.**

**MOTION by Mr. Boucher to approve \$3,400.00 for a part-time zoning officer. There was no second.**

**MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to transfer \$21,000.00 from Road Repairs to Catch Basin.**

**MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted 4 to 0 on an aye vote to adjourn at 10:31 P.M.**